

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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**CHRISTOPHER ROALSON,**

**Petitioner,**

v.

**Case No. 18-CV-1831**

**WILLIAM POLLARD,**

**Respondent.**

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**ORDER ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

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Christopher Roalson, who is incarcerated pursuant to the judgment of a Wisconsin Circuit Court, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus. (ECF Nos. 1, 3.) Accompanying his petition was a motion to proceed without prepayment of the \$5.00 filing fee. (ECF No. 2.) Because Roalson paid the \$5.00 filing fee on December 10, 2018, this motion will be **denied** as moot.

The court must now review Roalson's petition in accordance with Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, which states:

If it plainly appears from the petition and any attached exhibits that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court, the judge must dismiss the petition and direct the clerk to notify the petitioner. If the petition is not dismissed, the judge must order the respondent to file an answer, motion, or other response within a fixed time, or to take other action the judge may order.

Having reviewed the petition, the court is unable to say that it is plainly apparent that Roalson is not entitled to relief. Therefore, the respondent shall answer the petition.

The Clerk of Court shall promptly serve the respondent by service of a copy of the petition and this order upon the State of Wisconsin Attorney General.

Within **60 days** of the date of this order, the respondent shall either answer the petition in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases or file a motion to dismiss. An optional supplemental brief in opposition to the petition may be filed along with the answer to the petition.

Within **28 days** of the respondent's answer or motion to dismiss, Roalson shall submit a brief in response.

In the event the respondent files a motion to dismiss, the respondent shall have **14 days** from Roalson's response in which to file a reply.

Unless the court determines that additional proceedings are necessary, that will conclude the briefing, at which point the court will resolve the petition on the written record.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 17th day of December, 2018.

  
WILLIAM E. DUFFIN  
U.S. Magistrate Judge